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OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE SUPPORT OFFICERS NOTES

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1. 1975 Model Automobiles. We have no further word on the problem of using 1975 model automobiles overseas, except a confirmation that the problem is in fact a very real one. The Office of Logistics is still trying to obtain authoritative information concerning the possibility of converting the automobiles as they are shipped each way, the degree of damage which might be experienced if regular gas is used in the new models, etc. Apparently the automobile industry has paid little attention to this problem since the U. S. manufacturers now have a relatively small share of the overseas market. In the meantime, employees should be cautioned not to purchase any 1975 model automobile unless they assure themselves that the car purchased can be operated in the area of their assignment.

Another word of caution. We have occasional claims for losses sustained when cars are purchased in the expectation of specific future assignments, and the assignments are subsequently changed. Be sure that anyone who inquires about this problem or seeks advice understands that the purchase of a POV is a personal decision and that the Agency does not underwrite losses on automobiles which are sold when the owners are reassigned. The fact that the Agency will reimburse an individual for shipping an automobile, if he chooses to purchase one and ship it, cannot be construed as an official "approval" of what is essentially a personal decision, or the assumption of any responsibility for the POV. Please be sure that this is clearly understood by your staffs, as well as the employees who are counseled by them.

2. PCS Travel - Dependents. We have previously discussed situations where dependents on the verge of becoming 21 years of age (and thus about to become non-dependents) are proceeding overseas on the PCS travel orders of a parent. When a dependent is going overseas as part of the permanent household of the sponsor, it is appropriate to include him/her on the travel order, provided the travel is performed before the dependent becomes 21. However, if it is not the intent of the dependent and/or the sponsor for the dependent to become a part of the permanent household, and if the dependent plans an early short-of-tour PCS return, the outgoing travel of the dependent should not be authorized. See 6 FAM 126 which anticipates that the dependent must be at the post for at least six months. It is not the intent of the government to provide short vacations at government expense for individuals on the verge of losing their dependency status.

3. DDA Officers Attending Senior Officer Schools, 1975-76.

Armed Forces Staff College, Aug 75

Armed Forces Staff College, Aug 75 (Alternate)

Armed Forces Staff College, Feb 75 (Alternate)

Industrial College of the Armed Forces

National War College

Program for Management Development, Harvard (Alternate)

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